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Dear Chairman Cohen, Chairman Gresko and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee,


I am writing in support of House Bill No. 5145 -
AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTABLE WASTEWATER CONTAINERS

As the Executive Director for the Northeast Campground Association, Inc. it concerns me that the private family campgrounds located in Connecticut are unfairly limited by the current regulation prohibiting the use of blue boy tanks to bring wastewater to a proper dump station. It is vital that the proposed House Bill is passed thus allowing the state operated campgrounds in Connecticut and the private family campgrounds within this state to all continue to be significant economic contributors.

All other states across the country allow for the use of blue boy tanks. The state of Connecticut must ensure that it allows for this safe and commonly used portable waste tank to be used within its borders at all campgrounds where needed.

The campground industry in Connecticut is responsible for almost 1,000 direct jobs with \$36.1 million in annual direct wages as a result of these small businesses as reported by the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. By defining this regulation in House Bill No. 5145 and removing the DPH interpretation not allowing blue boy tanks in private family campgrounds when allowed at state operated properties, the camping public will gain access to additional outdoor recreation and camping options across Connecticut – bringing citizens and tourists alike to *"The State I'm In"*.

Sincerely,


Cynthia T. Zbierski, NCA Executive Director

The Northeast Campground Association is dedicated
to the promotion and growth of camping through networking
and education in collaboration with state associations.